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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As an inventor named below, I declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Pipe having at least a portion with a variable flexibility" the specification of which is ☐ attached hereto, or ☒ was filed on November 25, 2003 as United States Patent Application or PCT Application No PCT/IT03/00777 ;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

I claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 from the foreign applications listed below, and have also identified any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	FILING DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED?
BS2002A000107	IT	November 25, 2002	Yes

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that the making of willful false statements or the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Charles Winston Fallow, Reg. No. 28,946 and Williams A. Bonk, Reg. No. 40,521 as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Direct correspondence to:

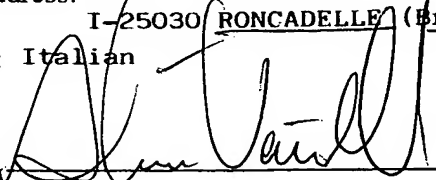
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